Economic Sanctions against South Africa

2753. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister while participating in the Commonwealth Summit meeting in Vancouver (Canada) called on the Commonwealth members to reinforce economic sanctions against South Africa to force the latter to give up their policy of apartheid; if so, in what precise terms;

(b) what was the consensus on this issue; and

(c) what follow-up action is being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Prime Minister reiterated the view that the only peaceful way to end apartheid is by imposing sanctions. He said that the Vancouver Summit must build upon the carry forward the progress achieved at the Nassau Summit in 1985 and the London Review Meeting in 1986.

(b) The details of the consensus have been outlined in the Okanagan Statement, a copy of which has earlier been laid on the Table of the House.

(c) An eight-member Committee of Foreign Ministers has been set up to provide high level impetus and guidance in furtherance of the objectives of the Okanagan Statement. India is a member of the Committee. The first meeting of the Committee is expected to take place under Canada's chairmanship in February '88.

Amount sanctioned to Sri Lanka for rehabilitation and reconstruction work

2754. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount sanctioned by the Government of India to the Government of Sri Lanka for the rehabilitation and reconstruction work in the northern and eastern parts of the island;

(b) whether the Government of India are granting funds as aid to Sri Lanka Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Government has announced a Rs. 250 million reconstruction and rehabilitation grant to the Sri Lankan Government. A team of experts from India will visit Sri Lanka to make an on-the-spot assessment and make recommendations about the optimum utilisation of this grant.

Resource gap for Senventh Five Year Plan

2755. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3024 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the Government have since formulated appropriate measures other than deficit financing to meet the resource gap for the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Plan is still underway. The measures other than

deficit financing will depened on the re-assessed position of resources on completion of the mid-term appraisal.

High production cost of Dornier Aircraft

2756. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total cost of production of a Dornier Aircraft in India including the cost of imported components, is going to be nearly double than what it would cost to purchase it on an outright basis from the German manufacturers; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CIA operations in India

2757. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his last visit to U.S.A. the Prime Minister was assured by Mr. Bush, the US Vice-President that there was no C.I.A. operation in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Vice-President Bush told the Prime Minister that there were no instructions given by the US-Government to the CIA to carry out such activities in India.

Import licences issued to M/s. Super Cassettes Pvt. Limited, NOIDA

2758. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of import licences have been issued to M/s. Super Cassettes Private Limited, NOIDA, Ghaziabad during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of licences have been issued for the import if electronic items in semi knock-down position; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

(c) and (d) A close scrutiny is made of the Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) to ensure that in-depth manufacture is only allowed Except for a very small quantity required for the purpose of training, Semi-knocked Down (SKD) kits are not normally allowed. Further, the import-export policy has been modified by transferring the entry relating to import of kits/sub-assemblies from Appendix-3A to Appendix-2B i.e. restricted list.

Representations regarding family pension

2759. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the widows of former defence employees who retired from